



CASTLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH

Where all are welcome – all the time

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Sunday 10th November 2019

Welcome to worship with us – whether this is the first time you have entered our church, or if you are a long-standing member of our congregation. We seek to offer friendship and opportunities for learning more of God's will in this place and in this generation.

Refreshments are usually served in the hall after Sunday services – do stay for a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit.

Sun 10th Nov 10.45 ALL-AGE MORNING WORSHIP
(Remembrance Sunday) Kimberley Rayson

Bible reading: Matthew 5: 1-12 (page 4)

18.30 EVENING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
Rev Alison Walker

Bible readings: Job 19: 23-27a (page 440)

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-2, 13-17 (page 193)

Luke 20: 27-38 (page 80)

Prayer topic: Remembrance Sunday

Wed 13th Nov 10.00 "Time to Be" prayer and fellowship

10.30-12.00 Coffee morning

12.00-13.00 Strength and balance exercise class

18.45 for 19.30 "Table Talk"

Thu 14th Nov 10.00-12.00 "First Friends" baby and toddler group

Sun 17th Nov 10.45 MORNING WORSHIP
John Baker

19.00 IONA SERVICE at St Luke's

Welcome to Castle Street Methodist Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please make yourself known to one of the stewards and pick up a welcome leaflet. All people of this church are part of the ministry, led by the Revd Alison Walker who may be contacted electronically via the church website or by telephone on (01223) 872 862.

Our church magazine **Castle View** contains more details of events taking place each month – please pick up a copy of the latest issue.

There is a **Prayer Request** book at the back of the church, which is used during services and at prayer meetings – but remember it is on display for anyone in the church to read, so please respect the privacy of those concerned and avoid including names and other personal details unless specifically requested.

Joint service with Yeolim – Sunday 24th November

Plans have now been drawn up for our third joint service with our Korean friends, in two weeks' time. It will start at 11am, Alison will be the preacher, and Holy Communion will be celebrated. The service will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch (but no coffee in between). Please be aware that there is likely to be a heavy demand on the car park – parking is also available across the road at Shire Hall, and we request that spaces are left in our own car park for those who are less mobile, those with young children, or people carrying things.

There will be a joint choir for the service, with one item chosen by Yeolim and one by us – although Julia (from Yeolim) has asked Brian to direct both! We shall have a joint choir practice at 12.30pm next Sunday and then at 10am on the day of the service, but there will also be a get-together for Castle Street singers after this morning's service (at about 12.30pm, or possibly earlier). If you'd like to sing in the joint choir, please have a word with Brian.

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### **"Science Meets Faith" – tomorrow evening at Wesley Methodist Church**

In the next of these lectures, tomorrow evening (Monday 11th November), Lizzie Henderson and Steph Bryant (Youth and Schools Programme Co-Directors at the Faraday Institute, University of Cambridge) will address the topic "Children are the Future: Exploring Science and Faith with Children and Young People". As usual, it starts at 7.45pm with refreshments available from 7.15pm. Admission is free, but there will be a retiring collection.

For more information, including a biography of the speakers as well as details of future planned talks, visit [www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm](http://www.wesleycam.org.uk/sciencemeetsfaith.htm).

### **St Giles' Christmas Tree Festival 2019 – appeal for help with Castle Street's tree**

This annual event takes place during the start of Advent, and more details will be made available nearer the time. However, Castle Street always decorates a tree, and this is an appeal from Denise for some specific help...

The theme this year is "Hope for the Future", and the plan is to cover our tree in Christian hope and encouragement. We would like people to write, preferably by hand (but printed is OK), on A6 paper (quarter A4 – paper of the correct size will be available) their favourite verse or couple of verses from the Bible about hope, encouragement or good news (include the Bible reference on it). The more we get the better, so don't feel limited to just one – but only one per piece of paper please. The hope is that everyone visiting the Christmas Tree Festival will be able to take away a message of hope from our tree. There will be a box at the back to church to collect them, along with some pre-cut pieces of paper. They are needed no later than Thursday 28th November.

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CCHP Prayer Evening – Friday 22nd November at St Giles'

A prayer evening to pray for the winter ahead and all who will be homeless in this city and around the world has been arranged for Friday 22nd November at St Giles' Church, from 7.30pm until 9pm. Please come and join us.

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### **Charity Fair at Haslingfield Methodist Church – Saturday (16th November)**

This annual event is taking place this coming Saturday between 11am and 2.30pm. Stalls will include, Cancer Research, FAB, Traidcraft, Rethink Carer Support, Teenage Cancer Trust, JDRC, Menelik, Amnesty International, Motor Neurone Disease, Harston Surgery, Arthur Rank Hospice, Royston and South Cambs Homestart, Little Owls, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, Jimmy's, and Project Linus; refreshments will be available throughout.

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20cVoX band at Royston Methodist Church – Saturday 23rd November, 7.30pm

20cVoX band (www.facebook.com/20cvox) play and sing from the "American Songbook", with music and lyrics composed by songwriters and Big Band composers in the twentieth century. Their repertoire includes songs by Frank Sinatra and Ella Fitzgerald which are still sung today by artists such as Rod Stewart, Michael Buble and Lady Gaga. Tickets cost £10, and can be obtained from Joan (e-mail: r_dot_germany_at_btopenworld_dot_com) or on-line at www.ticketsource.co.uk/rmc1. All proceeds will go to the Royston Methodist Church Refurbishment Project.

“Who is my Neighbour? An Evening with the ‘Vicar of Baghdad’”

Revd Canon Dr Andrew White will be speaking at St Philip’s Church, Mill Road on the evening of Saturday 30th November. It starts at 6pm with a bring-and-share dinner, and the talk will conclude with a question-and-answer session. The event is being organised by Youth with a Mission (YWAM) Cambridge.

Revd Canon Dr Andrew White is an internationally-renowned peacemaker, facilitating dialogues between religious and political leaders, particularly in the Middle East, and is engaged in the work of interfaith reconciliation and conflict resolution around the globe. He served as the vicar of St George’s Church, Baghdad until 2014, when he was ordered to leave due to the threat posed by ISIS. He now directs a foundation caring for the physical and pastoral needs of Iraqi refugees in Jordan as well as travelling extensively to speak, advise and lecture at various academic, political and religious forums.

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## **Appeal for camp beds or inflatable mattresses**

We are planning to change the sleeping arrangements for the overnight volunteers for CCHP this winter, and are looking to borrow two camp beds or inflatable mattresses for use at Castle Street during this period (December to March inclusive). If you can help, please speak to Denise, Gordon or Alison.

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Sunday morning rotas

Once again, our senior steward is making his quarterly appeal for volunteers for those vital jobs that need doing on Sunday mornings:

- welcoming people as they arrive at church;
- serving tea and coffee afterwards;
- reading one of the Bible passages during the service.

Many thanks to those who put their names down last quarter; as ever you’re much appreciated. If you’re able to help out with any of the above during December and January (or, for those who plan that far ahead, February), please fill in the sign-up sheet at the back of the church (it will be passed around during coffee), complete the Doodle poll (<https://tinyurl.com/CSrotaDec19>), e-mail Chris with your availability, or speak to him directly. The draft rota will be circulated before final publication, and swaps will be possible even after that. If you’ve not helped before, please ask if you’d like to shadow an “old hand”.

Items for next Sunday’s notice sheet should be sent to **Brian Carter** by Friday evening.

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